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Administration of justice at the United Nations**Report of the Sixth Committee**

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2003, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee for its consideration, and to the Sixth Committee for the sole purpose of considering the question of an amendment to the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal.

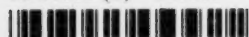
2. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 9th and 12th meetings, on 20 and 21 October 2003. The statements that were made during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/58/SR.9 and 12).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/57/736).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.7

4. At the 9th meeting, on 20 October, the Chairman introduced a draft resolution entitled "Administration of justice at the United Nations" (A/C.6/58/L.7), and orally revised the amended paragraph of the Statute of the Tribunal by replacing the words "judicial experience" with the words "judicial or other relevant legal experience".

5. At its 12th meeting, on 21 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.7, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 6).



III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

6. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Administration of justice at the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Acknowledging with gratitude the important contribution which the United Nations Administrative Tribunal ("the Tribunal") has made to the functioning of the United Nations system, and commending the members of the Tribunal on their valuable work,

Desiring to assist the Tribunal in carrying out its future work as effectively as possible,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,¹

Decides to amend the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal with effect from 1 January 2004, as follows:

Article 3, paragraph 1, shall be amended to read as follows:

"The Tribunal shall be composed of seven members, no two of whom may be nationals of the same State. Members shall possess judicial or other relevant legal experience in the field of administrative law or its equivalent within the member's national jurisdiction. Only three members shall sit in any particular case."

¹ A/57/736.